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From: DeMaria, Eva
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 10:52 AM
To: Buck Ryan
Subject: RE: EPA letter to 321 Idaho recreational miners regarding suction dredging

It's been a bit more difficult than expected. I'm meeting with my management this Friday to discuss (yet again). Based on your initial reaction, I informed them that we were unlikely to get testimony from your group.

From: Buck Ryan [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 5:05 PM
To: DeMaria, Eva
Subject: Re: EPA letter to 321 Idaho recreational miners regarding suction dredging

What is the status on this and level of need for our testimony?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 15, 2014, at 4:29 PM, DeMaria, Eva <DeMaria.Eva@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi all-

Just a followup that people are getting the letters we recently mailed. I've attached postings from the American Mining Rights Association's facebook page to give you an idea of the sentiment that's out there (see pg. 3 Dec. 12 and pg. 7 Dec. 11 posts). AMRA members dredged on the SF Clearwater in July this year and have stated that they plan to dredge next year. Their full postings can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/americanminingrights/timeline>.

Also, a few permits were missing from the pile I was given (which I have since received). As a result Jim Chmelik, Tina and Mark Wytcherley, and Chipp Curt were sent the same letters on 12/11/2014.

Again, call or email if you have questions. I expect this to be the last followup for the year. Thanks.

Eva

From: DeMaria, Eva
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2014 12:06 PM
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Subject: EPA letter to 321 Idaho recreational miners regarding suction dredging

Hi all-

I am sending this to everyone from the various agencies, tribes, and interested groups who have sent letters, emails, etc. regarding Idaho suction dredging activities or who were listed as contacts.

In the next few days, the attached EPA letter will be sent by regular mail to all 2014 IDWR recreational mining letter permittees who did not also obtain an EPA NPDES permit (as identified in the attached excel spreadsheet – 321 EPA letters total). While the list is comprehensive for 2014 IDWR permittees, it is not for 2014 EPA NPDES permittees, as some EPA NPDES permittees did not apply for the IDWR letter permit. The blue highlights the IDWR and NPDES permittees; these individuals will not receive the EPA letter. The green highlights the three IDWR permittees (Jarrod Bunker, Joel Biggs, and Shannon Poe) who already received a warning letter or NOV from EPA, based on dredging activities actually observed by EPA or by someone who then reported it to EPA. Persons not highlighted will all receive the EPA letter. There were three other persons (Thailer James Alvarez, Thomas Sandowick, David Macmillan) not on the IDWR list who were also sent warning letters (based on dredging activities observed by someone who reported it to EPA); however, these letters were returned to us as undeliverable or receipt was not confirmed.

Again, we appreciate everyone's help and cooperation as we continue in our efforts in Idaho to educate the public and ensure compliance with the CWA.

Please call or email if you have further questions. Thank you and happy holidays!

Eva

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